

*Amendments
to Early Paper Money*

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Best,
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Eric,

Apparently, I got Matthew's name all wrong, which is completely "German". His email address is mwittmann@numismatics.org.

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